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News Advisory

Health and Human Service Region VIII Tribal Consultation Meeting to Address Health Care for American Indians

- What:** The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) along with regional state health representatives, is meeting with Tribal leaders from CO, MT, ND, SD, UT and WY to address how HHS and the states can work with tribes to improve the health status of American Indian/Alaska Natives (AI/AN) in the region.
- Why:** The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and Indian Tribes share the goal of eliminating health and human service disparities of American Indians and Alaska Natives (AI/AN) and ensuring that access to critical health and human services is maximized. It is essential that federally-recognized Indian Tribes and the HHS engage in open, continuous, and meaningful consultation. States administer and receive federal funds aimed at targeting health promotion and disease prevention. American Indians/Alaska Natives have some of the highest rates of mortality and morbidity from chronic disease than the US population.
- Who:** Melissa Zito, MS, RN
Indian Health Liaison, Utah Department of Health

Joe Nunez, Director
Health and Human Services, Region VIII
- When:** April 24-25, 2007 8:00 am – 5:00 pm
- Where:** Huntsman Cancer Institute (HCI) Auditorium, 6th floor
2000 Circle of Hope
Salt Lake City, UT

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